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Generous donation by Lake Forest benefactor sparks controversy

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The donation of residential property by Lake Forest College benefactor Robert Krebs along with his wife Ann has been the latest buzz around the Lake Forest community.

The potential donation valuing \$15 million would create valuable educational opportunities for the College. The Krebs Center for Medieval and Renaissance Scholarship and Studies, is located three-quarters of a mile from South Campus. If the College can successfully obtain a Special Use Permit, specified classes may be held at this location.

The property is extremely unique, designed by the Krebses to replicate a 16th century Florence, Italy Renaissance Villa. The donation includes original Renaissance art and furnishings directly from Italy. This authentic environment will allow students the opportunity to intellectually engage in subject-related material in an atmosphere and setting that would enrich their studies.

President Steve Schutt has been a large advocate working in conjunction with the Krebs family to gain proper approval from the City of Lake Forest residents and zoning board. He was able to share that in addition to the educational opportunities that this location will provide for students studying Medieval and Renaissance materials, the advent of this center will allow the College to invite leading scholars from all around the country to spend time in the house, as well as participate as guest professors and



Photo by Kelly Callen'15

The Krebs house, located in Waldon Lane would enhance Medieval and Renaissance Studies education.

lecturers. This would not only help build a strong reputation for the educational program in Medieval and Renaissance studies but it would also allow such scholars to conduct research.

This proposition by Lake Forest College has been met with significant resistance from various members of the residential community in Lake Forest. Many express concerns of increased traffic, noise, lighting as well as a desire to preserve the culture of the neighborhood.

The College's representatives, as well as the Krebs family have and are continuing to meet with the zoning board of the city of Lake Forest in order to sort the matter out.

In response to the disputes,

President Schutt seems hopeful about the situation. He expressed that not all residents are opposed to the College's plan and many have been very supportive of the project.

President Schutt did note that one positive outcome is that the College would be able to enforce a preservation strategy for the house. Given a \$5 million endowment by the Krebses, the College would make a commitment to uphold the property, and conserve its unique structure and history.

The timeline in which this project will be fully completed is uncertain. If approved, use of the property may not begin until a number of years in the future as the Krebses continue to occupy the house and plan to for some

years ahead.

Although this may be discouraging to students, it is encouraging in the fact that this project is an investment in the College's future. Having this center would be a major asset and would strengthen the reputation of Lake Forest College.

This in turns adds value to the degree that graduates will receive, strengthening the school and students alike. Assuming the project is approved, President Schutt is hopeful that the College would be able to make the property available to students curious to see it.

Language tables enrich students' language education

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The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures recently added a third language table for students to practice during lunch: Chinese.

Lake Forest offers many language programs including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. These classes cover language and everything from culture to history to food or film, and the tables encourage students to work on their conversational skills for an additional hour each week. Other tables exist for Spanish and French students.

"It's a real or authentic way to use the language that is not based on a classroom exercise," said Professor Cynthia Hahn, who teaches French. "Students can also build new vocabulary for conversation on any topic of interest, as well as the confidence necessary to engage with a variety of speakers at

different levels of proficiency, and maybe make a new friend with a common interest!"

The tables meet each week from noon to 1 p.m. in the Pierson Rooms.

The Spanish table meets on Tuesdays in Room C. The Chinese table and

as the French Club advisor, hosts the French table. Additionally, other professors from these departments are often in attendance.

These tables are also opportunity to get to know professors on a more personal level. Usually there are about eight to ten students who participate, so it's easier to make connections. "It's an informal way to connect with professors, too, and for professors to enco surage student use of the language in context," Hahn said.

Camille Lemieux '17, a French Club officer and a regular French table attendant, pointed out that "it's hard to find ways to practice speaking a foreign language during the week. French table gives students an opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills. My favorite parts are simply listening to stories told at the table and meeting new

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-Camille Lemieux '17

French tables both meet Wednesdays, with the Chinese table in Room A and the French table in Room B.

Professors of these languages are always in attendance as advisors. The Chinese table is usually hosted by Professor Ying Wu, Lake Forest's new full-time Chinese professor, Professor Lois Barr, who is part of the Latin American studies program, hosts the Spanish table, and Hahn, who doubles

people.”

Many of the tables also bring food in to share—the French table even has a day to learn how to make crepes. If not, then the cafeteria is close and willing to let participants bring their hot plates of food over with them to eat while they chat.

Sometimes they will bring speakers such as writers or musicians to come talk about their work and how it relates to the culture. Immersion is one of the easiest ways to learn a language so listening to speakers is a good step, and often shows the listener aspects about the culture they never noticed or knew existed.

Once a year the French Club even plays “la pétanque,” which is French lawn bowling outside.

All students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to come to their meetings, and all language levels are accepted and welcome. Even if you can't make every meeting stop by when there's time to find a new friend to practice Spanish with, or drop in simply to say “Ni hao”. Maybe if you're lucky—you'll wander in to the French table on crepe day!

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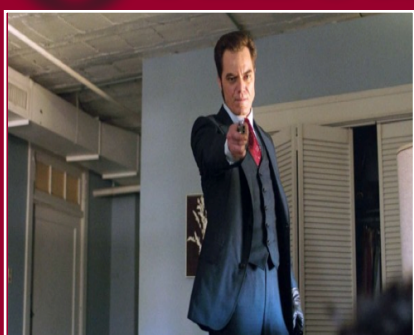
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e.Team restructures executive board, expands responsibilities

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E.team has undergone a massive restructuring this year to become more effective when planning and operating campus events. E.team has now expanded its powers by adding three new positions to its executive board. These include: vice president of marketing, a secretary, and the vice president of finance.

Current President Kayla Sarkis addressed the new e.team structure: “The Programming Board and Student Government have been working on this new design for a little while now and we are very excited about what we have come up with. These changes will allow the Programming Board to feel more structured, get more students involved in bringing events to campus, and above all, create higher quality programs for the student body to enjoy and engage in.”

These new offices will help offset the duties of the president and create an overall more effective board of directors for e.Team. Along with an expanded executive board e.Team has created multiple new positions to split up operating responsibilities. Some of these positions include poster and print advertising, social media, and weekly events advisor.

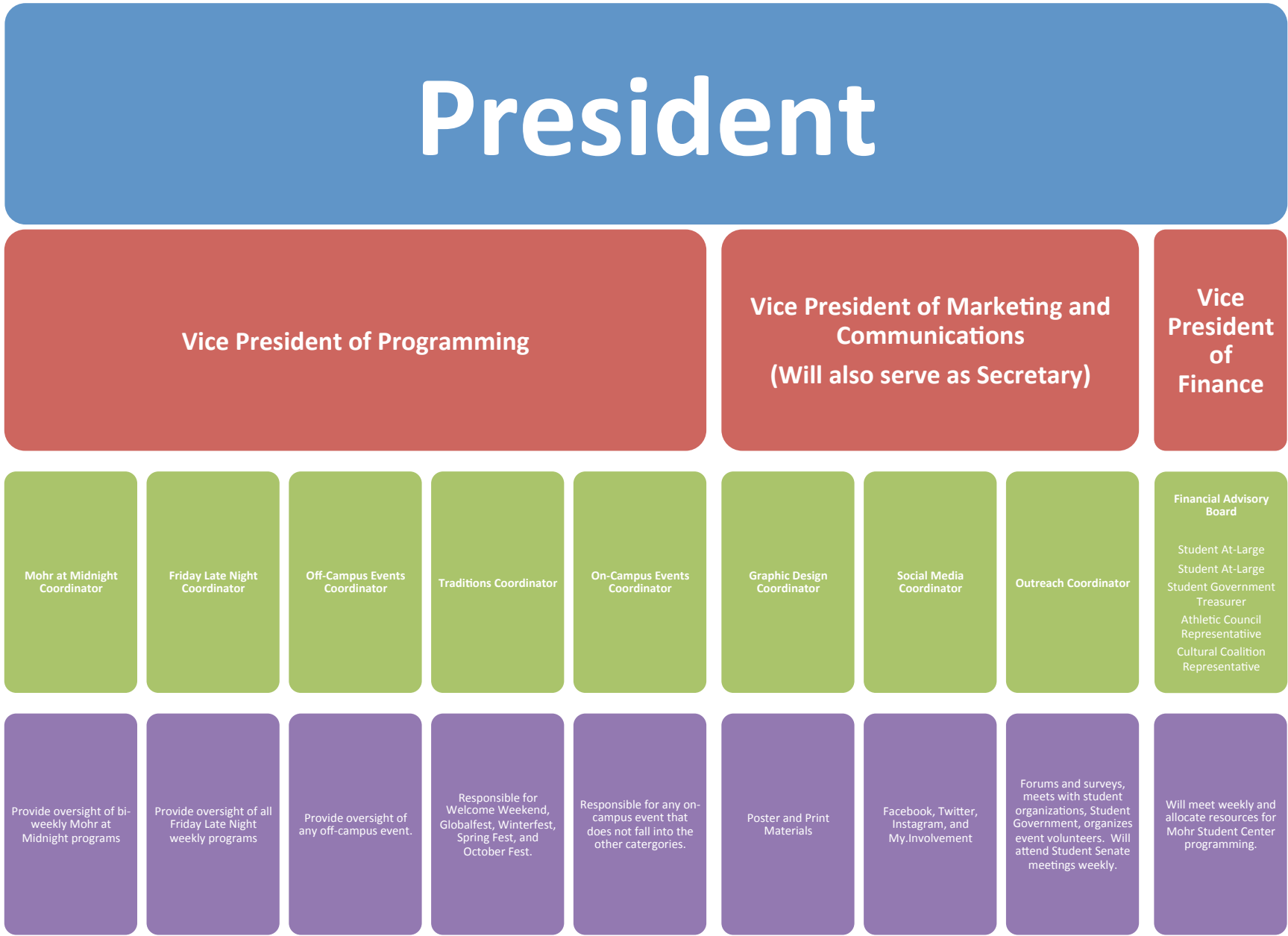
The classic e.Team events like Mohr at Midnight, Friday Night Late Night, and spring concert planning will still remain under this new programming boards jurisdiction. Now the responsibilities for this important group of campus event planners will be more spread allowing for a better product.

e.Teams restructuring and expansion comes as they leave the realm of student government and

now work as their own governmental contingent. Pat Doggett of the Gates Center spoke on the this and e.team’s changes, “There are a number of benefits to the change in structure for the College’s Programming Board. This change is long overdue, the new structure and functions will bring the Programming Board far more in line with best practices in the industry. Having a set annual budget will allow the Programming Board to plan a year or more ahead of time for events which will give them access to a whole new set of acts that they currently cannot access because their schedules book up so far in advance.

Additionally, not having the constraints of the Student Activity fee will allow the Programming Board some freedom to market their events differently and offer incentives in an effort to boost attendance, which

should show positive impacts for each dollar spent. Additionally, this new structure will put the Programming Board in a better position to support programming done by student organizations. We can all be proud of the great steps forward that the leaders of Student Government and the Programming Board have taken



The new officer positions for e.Team

Graphic by Katherine Bentley '15

Ethics Center moves to Deerpath Hall, hopes to increase accessibility

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The Ethics Center works with students and faculty as a resource to explore ethical or social justice issues and is a means for critical thinking. This year, the center has moved and with the move, they have implemented important and progressive changes. “The move was largely due to the expansion of the Career Advancement Center in Buchanan. We hope that, with a dorm location, the Center will become more accessible. Our space includes a reading room, plus a seminar room/office.”, said Lou Lombardi, Director of the Ethics Center.

The Ethics Center, established in 2006, promotes reflection on social and value issues. This includes anything from social policy to professional challenges to interpersonal relations. Integrity, freedom and fair treatment of alternative views are all part of the ethics center’s mission.

Each member of the Lake Forest College community is encouraged to engage in reflection at this center as a means to clarify and deepen the ethical commitments that guide our daily actions.

Students and faculty alike are encouraged to drop by anytime. With the new implementation of the reading room, this resource will be available for use now on days and evenings. The office will be staffed Monday through Thursday 4pm-5pm. Student associates will also be available to discuss events or projects. The student associates this semester are Maggie Biedron '16, Jyothis James '16, Andy Palmer '16 and Nate Sousa '15. Keep an eye out



Photo by Sara Cho '15
The Ethics Center, is now located in the basement of Deerpath Hall.

for these students; they provide a fresh new perspective and are there to help!

“I’ve always viewed the Ethics Center as a resource for the campus community.

Over the years, we have worked with student groups such as Latinos Unidos, Amnesty International, LEAP, SWAN, and the Social Justice Club. The Center has supported faculty efforts to develop courses or parts of courses that raise ethical or social justice issues, and has played a role in promoting academic integrity”, said Lombardi .

The Ethics Center plays a pivotal role in the development of critical and ethical thought among students and faculty. So far this year, the center has sponsored a panel on Race and Law, which revolved around the Trayvon Martin killing and subsequent trial of George Zimmerman. Also, they worked with SWAN and various offices to develop more volunteer opportunities with A

Safe Place. Finally, the center has coordinated with LEAP to bring Gene Baur to campus for a discussion on veganism and the ethics of eating meat. Keep an eye out for more details regarding this event.

Most importantly, the Ethics Center is interested in becoming a bigger presence on campus, and they are ready to work with anyone who would like to explore these issues. “We expect to continue the discussions of race due to the high interest in the Trayvon Martin Panel. We will sponsor a panel on social justice in the classroom. Next semester we’ll be working with faculty and student to develop programming to apply insights based on the Humanities to questions of work and career”, said Lombardi.

So, stop by their new, expanded office in Buchanan Hall 005 and 006. Have a panel or ethical idea to suggest or explore? Contact them at 847-735-6175 or at ethcenter@lakeforest.edu.

Kicks for Casa a successful event overall

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If someone were to have asked me last semester what it would be like as a chief marketing officer of Kappa Alpha Theta I would not have known how to answer that question. Now as my term as CMO comes to an end I can say it was stressful and one of the best experiences of my life. It all revolves around Kicks For CASA. Kicks, is a kickball tournament that raises money through teams and raffle tickets for a companionate group called court appointed special advocates. This organization places neglected and abused children that are going through the court system with advocates and mentors to help them in and out of the courtroom.

This event was held on Sunday November 3, 2013 in the varsity gym. There were a total of seven teams in attendance all with their eyes on becoming the Kicks champion. In the first bracket there was an exciting match up between Delta Chi and Women’s soccer. In a surprising turn of events, Delta Chi walked out victorious to

face the other bracket winners of Alpha Phi. While at the bottom of the bracket, Lambda Chi Alpha and Senior Theta teams played off to see who would move onto our final match for Kicks Champs. Unfortunately, the senior Theta’s lost the momentum from their first win and fell to Alpha Phi, which places third overall in the tournament. After mush sweat and hard work, we had Delta Chi and Lambda Chi Alpha facing off in what was one of the entertaining and hardest played games Theta has seen. All good things must come to an end and sadly so did this with Lambda Chi Alpha getting four strikes and leaving the score 1-4 Delta Chi.

After crowning out new champions we packed up and people began so say how much fun they had and congratulating me on throwing such a great event. Truth is that Kicks For CASA would not have been anything without the participants or the people who helped us raise the \$315 dollars for CASA. So, I would just like to say thank you to all the people who played on a team, bought a raffle prize, or just came out an supported.



Photo by Melissa Guadarrama'15
Members of Kappa Alpha Theta at Kicks for Casa

Politics

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4. ObamaCare is just a few days from launching its program.
- 3.Senate passes workplace anti-discrimination bill.
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Illinois passes same-sex marriage act.

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In a historic moment for supporters of gay marriage, the Illinois legislature voted to legalize same sex marriage Tuesday in a vote 61-54. This makes Barack Obama’s home the 15th state, and largest in the heartland, to allow gay marriage following recent states such as New Jersey, Minnesota, and Rhode Island. Debate on the floor lasted two hours and the end vote was met with cheers and speeches from supporters filled with equality and civil rights rhetoric.

The long and arguably divisive campaign from lobbyists challenging lawmakers to approve same sex marriage has paid off. Gallup polls from 1996 show a mere 27% favoring same sex marriage whereas now a solid majority supports giving gay and lesbian couples the right to marry. “Today the Illinois House put our state on the right side of history,” Quinn said. “Illinois is a place that embraces all people and today, we are an example for the nation.” And it was



not only Democrats who supported this vote. Three Republicans went across traditional boundary lines to express support as well. As former House Minority Leader Tom Cross of Oswego stated, “For me, supporting marriage equality is not only the right decision, but also consistent with my belief in individual freedom, equality and limited government.” But the vote was not entirely seen as a step toward equality. As it has for many years, this issue has caused internal conflict among many Republicans as they try to balance appealing to the youth, minorities, and women as well as the core conservative members of their party. Additionally, many leaders of large mega-churches in Illinois expressed their dissatisfaction with the vote saying, “we will always believe that marriage is between one man and one woman.” Although civil unions have been in place in Illinois for three years, allowing gay couples to have a legitimized marriage marks a turning point in gay rights history. As Chris Way, a senior at the College articulated, “the law will finally provide extensive equal rights for the homosexual community, which is a huge step in the fight for legal equality at large.” And the effects of this bill are not only statewide, but also personal. Chris stated, “I have never lived in a state that recognizes same-sex marriage so it is an honor and a privilege to be able to tell others that I live in a state that embraces equality, and me personally as a gay man. While we may only be state number 15 to pass marriage equality we are now one state closer to fully achieving equality across the nation. Tuesday was a truly historic day that I will always remember, because it was the day I realized that my love is equal and legal.”

ObamaCare may hire felons

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As if ObamaCare did not cause enough controversy already, another dilemma has occurred with the famous health care plan. Kathleen Sebelius, who happens to be the Secretary of Health and Human Services, admitted that it is very likely that convicted felons could be hired as ObamaCare “navigators”. The company/organization is not going to run any background checks on people.

They believe in hiring everyone equally and want to give those that do not have a job because they have recently been release from prison a chance to redeem themselves to society. This position would give these felons personal information about everyone such as Social Security numbers and addresses. The reason this has caused so much spark in the general public is because everyone’s information will be on file for these felons to possibly use for their own purposes.

Many argue that they do not feel safe having convicted felons having access to this information. The felons convicted were arrested for high-level crimes like rape, murder, and identity theft. Why are these jobs being offered to people

with such criminal background? Many people argue that they would be okay with the idea of not running background checks when being hired but not when it comes to felon having access to person information its not okay. Periana Wilson, a Lake Forest College student, stated, “ I am all about giving people second chances and yes the American system does keep felons very low in consideration for jobs.

However, I believe that these jobs should be a little more selective just because of the personal data that is available to these employees.” Majority of people would agree with this opinion but it seems very little can be done about it now because the application and hiring process has begun now that the Obama administration has promised to have the ObamaCare website up and running by the end of November.



HealthCare.org was expected to be up and running by mid October, but because there were major glitches happening with the system and software, officials have waited to release it to the public by the end of the month.

On the website one can access their account and other information provided by ObamaCare and its also where potential felons maybe working. How do you feel about such sensitive information being available for people who do not have the best track record? Do you think this is a good idea for them not to do background checks for jobs like these or should they make it harder to get these types of jobs?

Americans’ view on arranged marriges

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What is the first thing that springs to mind when these two words are uttered?If you are anything like most Americans you probably cringed at the idea of an arrange marriage. The idea that the one aspect of your life you believed to have control over is taken away because your parents found someone they thought would be perfect for you is frightening. In most traditional American households arranged marriages are far from what is considered the norm. Culturally in America, parental involvement is scarce and often uncommon when it comes to the romantic relationships of their children. It is seen as something that their child can confidentially

decide for themselves whom they choose to be involved with. The idea of an arranged marriage was more prevalent in Middle Eastern countries, as that was what was tradition in Muslim culture. But as of now the cases of arranged marriages is seemingly starting to become far and few between. The cause of this is a shift in Arabic culture, as society grows and changes many of their customs adapt. For now at least there is more intermingling involved and the children are the ones meeting and involving parents, rather than in previous generations where parents would meet and then involve children later. Traditionally there would be contractual obligations involved with these marriages, but that has all but ceased. This trend of intermingling allows for an easier divorce for the couple as there are no contracts involved with these marriages. For now at least it seems as if the trend of arranged marriages are starting to slowly disappear with the adoption of newer customs.

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Gratitude beyond Thanksgiving

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When I notice my favorite artists coming out with Christmas albums and coffee shops transformed into winter wonderlands the day after Halloween, it seems as though our overindulging of “fun sized” Milky Ways turns into a plethora of Season’s Greetings ads.

As quick as this turnaround may be, it’s no surprise our society plays up the Christmas season as much as they can – we as Americans spend over \$400 billion every year on it. Dragging this made up season out as long as possible ensures that people can save an extra few bucks and buy that item they were debating, even if it’s just an overpriced eggnog latte.

But what I’m convinced of year after year is that Thanksgiving, my personal favorite holiday, is overlooked and put on the back burner.

Our passion for Christmas, or perhaps more realistically our passion for stuff, has downplayed the importance of being grateful in such a hectic time. It’s pretty telling that the night before Thanksgiving is the busiest night for bars across the country and the day after sets records for people waiting in line “to get that great deal.”

Thanksgiving has now become more synonymous with gluttony rather than reflecting on how blessed

every single one of us is. We have become lustful for things we don’t need and thankless for things already given to us. We complain about how we don’t have enough room for all of our clothes on move in day, that there are not enough outlets for our TV’s and laptops, and that the Wi-Fi is too slow at Starbucks. We have become a society of those who feel entitled to things we “deserve,” yet we rarely, if ever, take the time to say “thank you.”

I constantly hear these grand ideas that having something, going somewhere, or being with a certain person would make us happier. That our lives would be simpler, easier, more satisfied with more stuff.

On the surface we may be able to say that’s not true, but if you look at your life and what you seek after, what do you see? It is incredibly important to take a look around us and simply see what has been given us – friends, family, job, our education.

We need to look at the good and the bad through sincerely grateful eyes and seek the satisfaction that comes through that. We should enter the Christmas season, or any season for that matter, with an attitude and a heart full of giving rather than expecting. And in the midst of our being glad for our present circumstances in this rollercoaster we call life, I am certain that we will start living fuller lives meant to bless others.

married and has two girls, while continuing his job as a killer for the mob. He falls on tough times when he is forced to cover the footsteps of Josh Rosenthal (David Schwimmer), DeMeo’s top soldier and leaves a teenage witness behind who witnesses the killing of a friend of Rosenthal. She is let go due to Kuklinski’s twisted morals and DeMeo is furious about leaving a loose end and terminates Kuklinski along with pressure from other mobsters amid a possible gang war. DeMeo warns that Kuklinski is to never work for anyone else other than him under any circumstances. This is not helpful as Kuklinski now has a full family to support with only his income.

Desperate for money Kuklinski teams up fellow assassin Robert Pronge (Chris Evans). He drives a ice cream truck and is fittingly nick named “Mr. Freezy” due to his cover occupation and disposing of his victims by freezing them to prevent the authorities to find an accurate time of death. Over the years they become freelance hit men. But soon authorities are starting to notice his patterns and DeMeo is livid when he discovers that Kuklinski is going into business for himself and starts to target his family. Kuklinski becomes stressed and paranoid as his world begins to crumble around him and his double life begins to merge into a horrific full one as the film wines down to his downfall in the mid-1980s.

The script by director and co-producer Ariel Vromen and Morgan Land is very interesting. Looking at the life of a prolific and dangerous hit man and how he lived a separate life with his family and friends who believed he was a stock broker. It

Sports Column

Sara at the blue line

Hazing is still a prominent problem in the sports, and the NFL now has a huge problem on their hands.

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The big story in sports right now is no doubt the controversy surrounding the Miami Dolphins. Richie Incognito, guard for the Miami Dolphins, has been accused of bullying and even threatening Jonathan Martin, offensive tackle for the Miami Dolphins. Currently, Incognito is suspended from playing while the NFL is investigating the scandal.

Voicemail messages obtained from Martin’s cell phone revealed that Incognito used racial slurs when referring to Martin, and even threatened to slap him and his mother: he even went as far as stating that he was going to kill Martin.

However, the story has taken a much darker turn as more evidence has surfaced. Claims have been made that coaches were the ones to instigate the bullying. It has been stated that coaches approached Incognito to help Martin man up and break him out of his shell.

It’s obvious that this went further than anyone had intended. An article written in Sports Illustrated gives us an inside view on the whole situation. Lydon Murtha, former Dolphins offensive tackle, wrote an article to clear the air. In this article, in which he actually is defending Incognito, he reveals that Incognito and Martin were actually close. Incognito was viewed as one of the leaders of the team, and he was the one to motivate the players when the team morale was down.

Martin was apparently a shy guy on the team and had a hard time opening up to his teammates. He was given a lot of slack because he refused to pay the bill for a rookie dinner (Murtha said he paid \$9,600 during his rookie year). If he is a shy guy and wants to mind his own business, then let the man be! It’s not a rule that every player must be charismatic

and charming.

I’m almost positive that a lot of rookies have a problem paying the bill. While that’s the mildest form of hazing, it is still hazing. Most of the players most likely just shut up and suck it up because they don’t want to go through what Martin is going through now.

What’s really messed up is that a lot of people are actually placing the blame on Martin. Many are saying that Martin should have manned up and dealt with it like an adult or went to the coach to settle the problem. But what do you do when the coach is actually part of the problem? Martin was left with no choice but to leave the team or suffer through hazing and death threats.

The fact that hazing is occurring in professional teams such as the NFL, and grown men are acting like pubescent boys is disgusting. I’m shocked that with all the tragic stories of teenagers committing suicide from bullying, these players are not taking any proactive action towards suicide prevention. I hope Incognito’s career in the NFL is over. He deserves every minute of the punishment he’s going to get.

The IceMan a good movie overall, top notch acting

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Richard Kuklinski aka The Iceman is said to have killed over 100 people in his lifetime. What is astounding about this is that his family and friends were completely unaware of it. The Iceman attempts to figure out who Kuklinski was and why he did what he did. To a certain extent the film works fairly well and efficiently gives us a deep portrait of a man living a double life.

The film begins in the year 1964 with a young Kuklinski taking out his soon to be wife Barbra (Winona Ryder) on a date. He seems awkward, stiff, uneasy, and strange. It seems as though he does not have good social skills or the smallest sense of humor, but he is respectful of his date and really cares about her. However, he seems to have a hidden dark side when he cuts a man’s throat who insults his future wife in a deserted ally.

Kuklinski works as a dumber for porn films which he is ashamed, but needs the money and does not want to end up like his older brother Joseph (Stephen Dorff), who is serving a life sentence for raping and murdering a 12 year old girl. Unfortunately he runs into loan shark, mobster Roy DeMeo (Ray Liotta) who is there to collect a debt that Kuklinski’s partner in business took. DeMeo takes over the porn work, but offers Kuklinski a job as an “enforcer” that comes all too easy for him. It seems as if he was born for the job that DeMeo offers him, which he slips into as easily as a well-worn glove.

Over time Kuklinski gets

is obviously well researched using The Iceman: The True Story of a Cold-Blooded Killer by Anthony Bruno and the documentary The Iceman Tapes: Conversations with a Killer” directed by Jim Thebaut as sources. The screenplay manages to be intriguing and suspenseful while staying mostly accurate to the true story of Kuklinski. However I would have like the Vromen to dive into the psychological aspects of his mind and more of his terrible childhood to see how Kuklinski was turned into the emotionless killer nicknamed “The Iceman.” The makeup is also a big factor in helping the actors portray the character thanks to LaToya Henderson and Troy Breeding who age and change the characters over time.

The acting here is top notch by all involved. Top honors go to Michael Shannon who absolutely disappears into his role of Richard Kuklinski. He displays his cold emotion of disposing of several people without a hint of guilt or remorse and then quickly shows compassion and love towards his two daughters and wife. It is a tricky role, but Shannon knocks it out of the park with his flawless portray. Shannon continues to challenge himself and does a great job so it’s a real shame he is not given more recognition for his roles. Chris Evans is also on hand in the almost unrecognizable role of “Mr. Freezy.” If you look hard enough you may be able to see through the long greasy hair, dirty goatee, and dark sunglasses that seem to be glued to his face and see the Captain America actor. This should not take away from his performance which is very effective as portraying a sleazy and deranged assassin who has no moral agenda and seems to be

high all the time with constant and manic energy. David Schwimmer is also hard to recognize with a black ponytail and thick mustache. He tries to scrub the character of Ross out of him and does a fair job at playing a weasel and deceptive thug. It is good to note that the little charm that shows at time helps provoke a little sympathy that he uses to his

Roy DeMeo: a role he could have done in his sleep, but demonstrates slight sadness and sympathy at some of the choices he must make. This allows him to add more depth to his character who could have been just a bland villain. Dorff also shows up in a short role as Kuklinski’s brother. He gives off a psychotic vibe of a sociopath who shows no remorse



advantage whenever he is in trouble. Winona Ryder does a decent job in a thankless role as the oblivious wife and James Franco makes a small cameo as an unlucky man. Ray Liotta still shows he is a force to be feared by playing a role of mobster

for the despicable crime he committed. Dorff’s character is who Richard effectively is, but keep his dark impulses controlled. He is creepy and interesting all at once and it is to Dorff’s credit that he makes him stand out in his limited screen time.

Overall a very well-paced movie with suspense and interested characters. It should go more into Kuklinski’s psychological issues and backstory of his life to show us what made him the man he came to be, but effective none the less with top notch performances.

Final Grade: B+